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MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003 AT 2:00 PM

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
GOVERNING BOARD**

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBER

AGENDA

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 13, 2003

III. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

- a. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)
- b. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETICS REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)
- c. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- d. MIAMI DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
 - a. Presentation on MDX Status Report
- e. MANAGER REPORT
 - a. Highway Maintenance Program Schedule and Beautification efforts
 - b. People's Transportation Plan

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. REQUEST BY BOARD MEMBER JOE. A. MARTINEZ

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) TO ADVANCE THE SW 56TH STREET WIDENING PROJECT BETWEEN SW 152 AVENUE AND SW 157 AVENUE FROM A PRIORITY IV TO A PRIORITY I AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE FY 2004-2007 TIP (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

B. MPO REDESIGNATION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REDESIGNATION OF EXISTING MPOs IN THE TRI COUNTY AREA

V. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

- 1. Request by Board Member Joe A. Martinez: Presentation on the East/West Corridor Project

B. MANAGER

- 1. Feasibility of Using Waterways for Commuter Travel: Final Report

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D. SECRETARIAT

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FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
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SUMMARY MINUTES

Vice Chairperson Katy Sorenson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. In addition to Vice Chairperson Katy Sorenson, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Manuel A. Diaz	Dennis C. Moss
Perla T. Hantman	Dorin D. Rolle
M. Ronald Krongold	Darryl K. Sharpton
Raul L. Martinez	Jose Smith
Jimmy L. Morales	Rebeca Sosa
Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler	

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

The following members arrived after the meeting commenced:

Bruno A. Barriero

**III. MEMBER, VACANCY, ATTENDANCE AND DEMOGRAPHICS
REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CTAC)**

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC's 1st Vice-Chair, informed the Board that CTAC passed a resolution supporting the County's Strategic Planning Initiative. He further stated that CTAC hosted the Interactive TIP meeting which was held March 26, 2003 in the Commission Chambers. He further stated that the meeting was well attended and received a good response from the public. He concluded by stating that Chairman Frank Hernandez

is currently sitting on the CITT Nominating Committee and has kept CTAC abreast on all its activities as they progress. He respectfully informed the Board that CTAC still has vacancies that need to be filled. He concluded by thanking the Board for their continued support in CTAC's efforts.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

Board Member Barreiro appointed Jason D. Greene to TARC.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

4. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Servando Parapar, MDX Director, provided the Board with a brief update of the MDX 's Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2004-2008 (*A copy of the documentation distributed during this presentation is available with the MPO Secretariat*). He stated that the MDX TIP consists of 27 projects for a total of \$140.51 million for Fiscal Year 2004 and approximately \$1 billion for the entire five-year program.

Board Member Sosa requested a timeline for design, landscaping and construction, for 57th Avenue Exit. Mr. Parapar responded that he would provide that information.

Board Member Rolle requested information on the job and contract opportunities available for the MDX's TIP projects.

Chairperson Carey-Shuler requested that the information also include a breakdown of the minority businesses being rewarded contracts. Board Member Sharpton responded that MDX would provide the requested information.

5. MANAGER REPORT

- a. Highway Maintenance Program Schedule and Beautification efforts
Mr. Jose Galan provided the Board with a brief presentation on the Maintenance Schedule of the Public Works Department (PWD). He further informed the Board that the documents part of the agenda package listed the landscaping schedule of roadside mowing, metrorail mowing and the tree health program, which are listed by district areas. (*A copy of this information is available with the MPO Secretariat*).

Board Member Moss requested clarity on whether PWD performs quality assurance checks on the area listed. Mr. Galan responded that

an inspector is sent out to each area after every mowing cycle to determine if the work was satisfactory to contract. He further stated that any work that is deficient is sent to the contractor for completion.

Board Member Sosa requested clarity on whether any abandoned areas are reviewed by the inspector and are not a part of the listed cycle. Mr. Galan responded that the inspectors only review and report land that is currently listed in the contract. Board Member Sosa further stated that in the future these areas should be added to the list for maintenance improvements.

Board Member Rolle requested information on who was responsible for Zone B & C. He further stated that the palm trees on the median in the area are in need of replacement. Mr. Galan responded that PWD would provide the requested information and contact District 2 to receive the specifics on the removal of the palm trees.

Chairperson Shuler read into record a letter from Ms. Hatti Willis, Executive Director of Communities United, which she commended Mr. Gus Pego and the Department of Transportation on their maintenance of the Palm Trees along I-95. She further informed the Board that the community is currently trying to build a community garden in the Liberty City area. Mr. Gary Donn responded that FDOT was still committed to funding the plants needed for the project. He concluded by stating that the Director of Operations would contact Mrs. Willis to work out the specifics. *(A copy of this letter is available with the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Rolle requested a timeline on the landscaping that is scheduled for the I-95 underpass for 95th Street and 103rd Street.

b. People's Transportation Plan

Mr. Nestor Toledo, OPTM, informed the Board that CITT Nominating Committee convened early in the day to choose the slate for Miami-Dade Mayor and the Dade League of Cities. He also stated that eight (8) of the Board of County Commissioners' appointments have been ratified and two (2) have been sent to the Clerk of the Board for ratification. He concluded by stating that it is anticipated that the first CITT meeting will be held within the week of May 5, 2003.

At the request of Board Member Moss, the Assistant County Manager Bill Johnson provided the Board with a brief overview of the creation of OPTM and restructure of MDT. He also distributed a memo that addressed the responsibilities of both agencies. *(A copy of the distributed document is available with the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Morales requested that the MPO Board and CITT be provided a list of other major transportation systems and their administrative costs. Mr. Johnson stated that the requested information would be provided.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Item V.A.1 and V.B.1 had been withdrawn from the Agenda at the request of its sponsors. He further stated that Item V.D.1 and V.D.2 were added to the agenda for information only.

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the agenda as amended and Board Member Sosa seconded the motion. The agenda was approved as amended.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Moss moved the approval of the minutes of March 13, 2003, and Board Member Martinez seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

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Vice Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Vice Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member Hantman requested that the resolution be amended to extend the widening project to 158th Avenue instead of 157th Avenue.

Mrs. Esther Calas stated that the Department of Public Works supported the extension to 158th Avenue on the condition that the Developer provides the needed right-of-way for the added portion. She further clarified that the PWD currently does not have right-of-way for the extended portion.

Chairperson Shuler requested that resolution language inform future widening of SW 56th Street west of 164th Avenue is at the appropriate Developer's expense.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution as amended. Board Member Hantman seconded the motion. The resolution as amended was approved unanimously.

B. MPO REDESIGNATION

*RESOLUTION SUPPORTING REDESIGNATION OF EXISTING MPOs
IN THE TRI COUNTY AREA*

Board Member Smith moved for the approval of the resolution Board Member Barriero seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

V. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

1. Request by Board Member Joe. A. Martinez: Presentation on the East/West Corridor Project

This item was **withdrawn** at the request of its Sponsor.

B. MANAGER

1. Feasibility of Using Waterways for Commuter Travel: Final Report

This item was **withdrawn** at the request of Board Member Javier D. Souto.

Vice Chairperson Sorenson requested that staff investigate the feasibility of Black Point Marina as a stop-off point for waterway usage.

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT)

D. SECRETARIAT

1. Pedestrian Safety Program

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Dade County ranked second (2) in Pedestrian Fatalities according to a national study. He further stated that a presentation on the MPO Pedestrian Safety Program would be presented at the next meeting.

Board Member Morales suggested that staff further investigate standards used, especially in areas with 4-way signs and pedestrian crossing.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that a Legislative schedule update was distributed for information only.

Board Member Morales requested information on the Medicaid Co-payment and its effect, if any, on the current STS system used in Dade County. Mr. Mesa responded that he would research the item and provide the requested information.

VII. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.